

## Bloomfield Record.

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### Our Township Affairs.

A meeting was called for Thursday evening of last week, inviting tax-payers in favor of "Progress" to meet in Friendship Hall, for the purpose of nominating a ticket. Nobody's name, however, was signed to the posters.

A large number of the politically-inclined assembled according to the call. Half-past eight o'clock arrived and the meeting was not called to order. The originator of the meeting, if present, did not choose to discover himself as such, and the meeting dissolved gradually by mutual consent. A large number had come from the Rural District, and some of them were not especially choice in their expressions of displeasure, and betook themselves home in a very amiable state of mind.

THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY MEETING took place on Friday evening in the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church, and was probably the largest meeting of the kind ever held in Bloomfield. All parties and cliques were present, and lively times were anticipated. Mr. Sanxay acted as Chairman, and at an early hour the work of nominating candidates began.

Mr. John Hall was selected for Judge of Election, and was chosen without opposition.

Some discussion took place on the Assessorship, as to whether one or more should be nominated. It was decided to have but one and Mr. Joseph K. Oakes was placed on the ticket by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Ira Campbell received the majority of votes for Collector—103, the next being Jos. A. Davis, Jr., 71.

There was some interest in the Town Clerkship. Mr. Reford, in a neat speech tendered his thanks for the hearty support accorded to him in the fall election, whereby he was made County Clerk, and stated that it would be impossible for him to serve longer as Township Clerk. Upon voting, John F. Folsom was selected by a vote of 84, against Mr. Barrett's 59.

Thomas W. Langstroth and William Cadmus were placed on the ticket for Chosen Freeholders by a very large vote.

Nathaniel H. Dodd, and Joseph K. Oakes were the nominees selected for Surveyors.

The voting for Commissioners of Appeal was lively and resulted as follows: R. N. Dodd, 115; J. C. Beach, 111; Coll J. Turner, 66; W. S. Baldwin, 65; H. Cadmus, 44, and several others a less number.

Introductory to the nominations for Poor Overseer, a characteristic letter was read, calculated to prejudice the nomination of ~~Mr. T. C. Beach, who~~ ~~whose~~ ~~more~~ ~~than~~ ~~any~~ ~~other~~ ~~man~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~town~~

The most important nominations then came up, those to be made for Town Committee. A gentleman from the southern part of the township made an appeal on behalf of the young men, asking that one of their number be represented in the Town Committee, and concluded by naming Mr. Willard Richards as their choice. The nomination was received with applause, and followed by other favorable remarks as to the young gentleman's ability. The only opposition to this nomination appeared to be a desire on the part of some residents in the lower district west of Bloomfield avenue in favor of one of their number.

Mr. Hedden moved to nominate by districts, as follows: One from Stone House Plains; one from the Morris neighborhood; three from the Centre; one from West End, and one from Watessing. This was adopted, and the voting began, resulting as follows:

James C. Beach..... 146  
Joseph F. Sanxay..... 123  
Abram Yerencan..... 112  
Samuel J. Potter..... 99  
Willard Richards..... 89  
Phineas J. Ward..... 85  
C. T. Unanget..... 57  
Lewis Cockeyfair..... 57  
Coll J. Turner..... 71  
W. C. Beattie..... 60  
John Sherman..... 47  
H. Lindenmeyer..... 52  
and several others a smaller number. The first seven named above were therupon declared nominated, having received the largest number of votes in their respective districts.

Hon. Geo. A. Halsey, of Newark, Republican members of the House of Representatives is receiving much commendation for his energy in securing the legislation that will enable Jersey City to have a new Post Office building. Mr. Halsey put the bill through in the House at two o'clock in the morning on March 4, and it had received the President's signature and become a law at 11:50 A. M.—just ten minutes before Mr. Halsey's time expired. There is to be an immediate appropriation of \$100,000, the entire cost being limited to \$300,000. This sum will secure a fine building, and a fair prospect that the city will soon regain its financial prosperity.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.—We have received *Brainard's Musical World* for March. The contents are attractive, containing Editorials, Miscellaneous, Musical and Dramatic notes etc., and a choice variety of original music, vocal and instrumental. "Touch not the fair cup though it sparkles," an effective Temperance Song and Chorus by T. Martin Towne; "The Fairy Bridal," a new Polka Mazurka by G. T. Van de Velde and "The First Bud Waltz," a beautiful piece for very little fingers, by H. T. Merrill. Publishers, S. Brainard's Sons, Cleveland, O.

Foster, the New York murderer, having been reprieved until the 21st inst., his case is just now exciting much discussion in some of the daily papers. It can hardly be expected that Governor Dix will read all these communications, both pro and con, much less be influenced by outside pressure of this sort.

### Annual Town Election.

The annual election of township officers in Bloomfield was held on Monday, and resulted in the election of the township ticket nominated on Friday evening of last week. There being but one regular ticket in the field, the election was necessarily quiet, and the vote polled not as full as that generally called out. A few less than five hundred tickets were cast. The friends of Mr. Parsons were early on the ground with a ticket bearing his name for Town Committeeman in place of Mr. Yerencan.

There was also a ticket out with John Kiernan for Overseer of the Poor in place of William R. Hall, which ran exceedingly well.

Nearly every third voter, however, made one or more erasures from or additions to his ballot. The following is the result, being the number of votes accredited to each candidate.

Judge of Election, John Hall, 473.  
Assessor, Jos. K. Oakes, 473.

Collector, Ira Campbell, 465.  
Township Clerk, John Folsom, 478.  
Chosen Freeholders, T. W. Langstroth, 480; William Cadmus, 479.  
Surveyors of Highways, N. H. Dodd, 480; Jos. K. Oakes, 472.

Com. of Appeal, R. N. Dodd, 478; Jas. C. Beach, 470; Coll J. Turner, 381.

Overseer of Poor, Wm. R. Hall, 278.

Town Committee, Jos. F. Sanxay, 466; Jas. C. Beach, 471; C. T. Unanget, 468; S. J. Potter, 472; A. Yerencan, 323; P. J. Ward, 436; W. Richards, 426.

Constables, C. B. Haff, 435; S. E. Perry, 433; N. B. Adams, 479; M. Davis, 468.

Mr. W. S. Baldwin also received 88 votes for Commissioner of Appeal, John Kiernan 168 for Overseer of Poor; Wm. Parsons 153, Coll J. Turner 47, and John Sherman 26 for Town Committee.

Several other gentlemen received a few votes each for various offices.

### Present and Future Prospects.

The generous patronage and favor bestowed upon the BLOOMFIELD RECORD since its establishment warrants us in announcing the fact, as a matter of mutual gratulation, that its permanent success is assured beyond doubt. It is not for us to answer the question as to whether more than one newspaper is needed or can be sustained in our village. We can answer in regard to ourself that the RECORD, so far as we are aware, gives very general satisfaction, and appears to be fulfilling its mission by supply our citizens with a reliable weekly newspaper. This may seem like blowing one's own trumpet, but we feel called upon, just at this time, to make a few plain statements of this kind, to counteract erroneous impressions which we find to exist, especially in regard to the future of this paper. We expect to go forward with our work, making from time to time such alterations as will increase our popularity and attract a larger and larger audience. The RECORD recognizes and keeps in view the precedent of small beginnings, which, if pursued with wisdom, discretion and integrity often arrive at distinction in the future.

In the death of Mrs. Wm. D. Frame, whose obituaries are observed to day, one of the few remaining links has been removed, connecting the present with a previous age in the history of Bloomfield, which, in certain respects, cannot be reproduced among us.

At the period referred to, some half dozen families, by their culture, their moral worth and their devotion to every interest that pertained to the social and moral welfare of others, so impressed themselves upon the society of our village that the entire community recognized their worth of character and reflected the salutary, controlling power of their influence. In this circle Mrs. Frame held no secondary place, but was one of its brightest ornaments.

For several years past she has quite withdrawn from society; and a direct personal influence, which at one time was felt throughout the community, has been limited to the circle of her intimate friends. Her memory will be a delightful fragrance to many that survive her.

The city of Elizabeth, it appears from our exchanges, has been somewhat overzealous in the work of pushing forward improvements. The results are burdensome assessments, not so much affecting the corporation as the individual tax-payers. A paper published in that city states that the amount of assessment bonds with interest to meet between January and July is \$40,000. Of this \$140,000 has recently been collected, and the indications are that \$200,000 more will soon be discharged. This, it is affirmed, shows a very good degree of vitality, and a fair prospect that the city will soon regain its financial prosperity.

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### Communications.

#### Mr. Chun Lai Sun.

In the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening a most forcible and unusual illustration was presented of the wonderful changes that have occurred within the last half century. In the person of Mr. Chun Lai Sun we had before us an imperial officer of one of the oldest nations of the world, commissioned to one of the youngest—the government of China which had for thousands of years refused intercourse with other governments now withdrawing its exclusive pretensions and confiding the education of its youth to the people of our own government, but in its infancy as compared with the other. And more, in the person of this distinguished visitor we had a representative of the Empire of Heathendom (though thank God not a heathen himself) arraignment the foremost of Christian nations for the high crime of the moral and physical slaughter of his poor countrymen by greed of gain!

As Mr. Lai Sun presented the enormities of the opium traffic in China few could remain unmoved. Though stopped by our former relations to slavery from all right to criticise our English brethren for their crimes, yet an American cannot but feel pleased that we have not to share in their condemnation as presented by Mr. Lai Sun.

The visit of this gentleman has afforded great pleasure to his many friends in our village, made such by his previous advent and residence among us some thirty years ago. He came here then a dependent youth and nominally a heathen. He left us a credulous professor of the religion of the Lord Jesus. And now after an absence of twenty-six years he comes to us again as a member from merit of an advanced class of one of the higher orders, a mandarin, of the great kingdom of China. He comes entrusted with one of the most important matters that could be confided to him by the government he represents.

Not the least interesting feature of Mr. Lai Sun's visit to us is the fact of his being accompanied by his wife and two of his children, who though natives of China are highly refined and accomplished. Mrs. Lai Sun is a most excellent Christian lady, a worthy companion of her Christianized and most intelligent husband. She and their children have left a very agreeable impression on those having an opportunity during their brief stay to form their acquaintance.

We have the promise from Mr. Lai Sun of another visit at no distant day when more genial weather will afford a better opportunity for meeting his numerous friends and making his family acquainted with the objects and persons that interested him in his youth.

#### HON. J. F. SANXAY:

DEAR SIR—I beg leave, through you, to which I have been elected by the votes of my fellow citizens at the recent election for town officers. I was over-persuaded by some of my kind friends to allow the use of my name in connection with the office of Town Committeeman, simply because of the great interest I felt in the "Street Improvement Bill," but I never contemplated the acceptance of any other office. Inasmuch as my fellow citizens have wisely selected others on the Town Committee much better qualified for the post than a busy man like me could hope to be, and especially, as they have re-elected Mr. Phineas J. Ward, a gentleman whose experience, leisure, and practical knowledge of the duties of the office, illustrated by the improvements he has made in the way of streets and sidewalks on his own farm during the past two years, at a personal cost to himself of about five thousand dollars, I feel that I have nothing more to ask for, assured that the "Street Improvement Bill," together with all the interests of the town, in the hands of yourself and associates, will be wisely and energetically administered upon and cared for.

With assurances of my hearty sympathy and co-operation in all measures having for their object the advancement of the public interests.

I remain, dear sir, your obedient servant,  
Coll J. Turner.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., March 11, 1873.

### Watessing.

The southern portion of Bloomfield called Watessing has more than doubled in population during the past few years. Over forty dwellings have been erected and business has increased in a greater proportion. They have the extensive standard organ manufacture of Messrs. Felobet, Pelton, & Co., employing 125 hands. A planing mill and lumber yard, an iron foundry, three hat shops, a saw mill, Methodist Church, an Episcopal Chapel, a railroad depot and several stores. Over two hundred mechanics are daily employed. There are about one hundred and thirty children under the age of sixteen, requiring another school house, which will soon have to be erected for their accommodation. And last, but not least, are five saloons, where intoxicating liquors can be had every hour in the day, and every day in the week. They are all within a radius of a quarter of a mile. Two are over the Orange line. There is not a town officer of any description living in this portion of the town.

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### Local Column.

MR. LAI SUN, Chinese Commissioner of Education delivered his lecture on "The Relation of Christianity and Opium to China," on Sunday evening in the First Presbyterian Church. He was welcomed by a large audience who listened to his address with much interest and attention. He alluded touchingly, by way of introduction, to his sojourn nearly thirty years ago in Bloomfield, where he received his early education, and united with the church in which, after so long a time, he was again permitted to speak.

His remarks embraced, in a comprehensive manner, the early history of China to the time of its being thrown open to the trade of other nations, when the traffic in opium began. The manner of using the drug and its disastrous effects were very vividly portrayed. Mr. Lai Sun showed that his countrymen were disposed to class both the missionaries and merchants as "Christians," and were very apt to consider them synonymous. The missionaries would go about the country and persuade the people to renounce idolatry, and the opium merchants would follow with their vile drug dispensing moral and physical ruin on every side.

It was shown that the English Government are responsible for this curse, having secured the legalization of the opium traffic by treaty with the Chinese authorities, against the wishes of the latter. Mr. Lai Sun, was scathing in his denunciation of the opium excuse put forth by English merchants that if they did not sell the opium others would. The lecture occupied about an hour, and was eminently instructive and pleasing to all who heard it.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.—We learn that a lot on Broad street adjoining for 100 feet in depth has been purchased by W. H. Dodd by Dr. Jos. A. Davis at \$60 per foot. It is probable that ground in that vicinity will soon be in active demand for business purposes.

A lot belonging to the same property, but fronting on Bloomfield avenue, 28 by 84 has been purchased by Mr. Heckel, of Centre Market, Newark. He is already excavating for a building to be used as a meat market. This lot brought \$75 per foot.

A lot has also been sold on Lincoln avenue, 150 by 152 C. W. Powers Jr. to H. A. Lee. Consideration \$24,400.

We are informed that Mr. Peele's new houses have been disposed of with the exception of two.

MONTCLAIR REAL ESTATE.—MESSRS. W. H. Harris & Co., report an unusual degree of activity in real estate in Montclair and vicinity. They have sold 61 acres of Caldwell township at \$200 per acre, and a dwelling house and 9 acres near Verona for \$10,500. Grove street for \$11,000, and a house and lot on the same street for \$11,000. Also a house and lot on Prospect street for \$10,500.

BUSINESS CHANGES.—Mr. George Davis has rented one of Mr. Martin's stores on Broad street and is having it extensively fitted up as a first-class drug store. Another store in the same block is undergoing renovation and will be occupied by Mr. Fridham for a paint store and paper-hanging establishment.

CHRIST CHURCH.—The services at this church during Lent will, we learn from the rector, be held daily at 9 A. M. Also on Monday, Tuesday and Fridays at 7 P. M.; and on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4 P. M. There will be services in the Chapel at Watessing on Wednesdays at 7 P. M.

NORTH BLOOMFIELD.—The ice cut by Mr. W. B. Corby during the past winter from Crystal Lake has been unusually fine. This lake is a beautiful sheet of water which has for many years afforded fine skating in the winter and boating during the summer for the young folks of the vicinity.

ORANGE ELECTION.—The charter election in Orange on Tuesday resulted favorably for the Republican ticket. In East Orange the voting on the Sunday Horse Car question resulted in a heavy majority in favor of running the cars.

WANTED, a HALL.—We received a visit last week from Ned Crosby the gentlemanly manager of White's Minstrels, who would have made arrangements for a concert in Bloomfield had there been a suitable hall for the purpose.

THE SWING TRADE.—Our Newark merchants, as will be seen by a number of new advertisements lately received, and inserted now for the first time, are getting ready for the opening of spring trade.

Additional trains, making seven in all, will be run on the Montclair Railway in the Spring.

WANTED.—A two-third compositor to work by the week or piece. Apply at this office immediately.

Reliable advice from the interior of Minnesota along the railway line show that the quantity of wheat in the farmers' hands is now greater than it has ever been before at this season. The warehouses and elevators on all the railroads are full of wheat awaiting transportation. In many instances the farmers have been obliged to haul their wheat back from the stations, as buyers had no storage for it. The reports also say that large quantities remain unthreshed. It is estimated that there are from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 bushels surplus in Minnesota yet to be forwarded.

BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, a few doors below the Centre.

JOSEPH S. BALDWIN, 309 South Street, Broad street, near the Inclined Plane, Bloom